



Michigan adoption facts

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- The state Department of Human Services finalized 2,883 adoptions from Oct. 1, 2004, to Sept. 30, 2005.
- About 2,550 children were placed in adoptive homes in fiscal 2006.
- Ninety-two percent are adopted by a relative or foster parent.
- Parental rights have been terminated for 6,200 children currently in foster care, and most need to be adopted.
- Eighty percent of children in foster care with siblings are adopted with at least one sister or brother.
- About 25,000 adopted children are eligible for long-term state financial support, with \$208 million paid out annually.
- Many children in foster care were victims of abuse or neglect and suffer emotional problems that are a challenge to overcome.
- For information about public adoption go to michigan.gov/dhs and mare.org.

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